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INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, KN, SW

SUBJ: SWISS-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

1. SWISS EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF RECENT
DEALINGS BETWEEN SWISS AND NORTH KOREANS.

2. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE RECENTLY CALLED ON SWISS
AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT IF SWISS AUTHORITIES FOUND
ANY EVIDENCE OF IMPROPER ACTIVITIES AMONG NORTH KOREAN
EMBASSY STAFF IN BERN THEY WOULD HANDLE PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST WRONGDOERS WITH AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE.
SWISS AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD AND
REPORTED CONVERSATION TO BERN. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS
INFORMED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION
OF NORTH KOREANS HAD TURNED UP NOTHING BUT IN VIEW
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OF HIS REPORT INVESTIGATION WOULD BE REOPENED. SECOND

CHECK STILL FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ACTIVITY RESEMBLING
SMUGGLING IN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

3. WE WONDER IF SWISS MIGHT NOT ACTUALLY BE HANDLING
CASE WITH SOME DISCRETION IN VIEW OF NEGOTIATIONS ON
\$30 MILLION OWED SWISS COMPANIES BY DPRK. TALKS ON
TIMING OF AND INTEREST ON REPAYMENT HAVE BEEN UNDER-
WAY FOR SOME TIME AND SWISS AMBASSADOR IS DUE TO TRAVEL
TO PYONGYANG NOVEMBER 26 TO DISCUSS FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.
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